Nixon Tour Is Security Headache

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CAIRO, June 6—An invitation from President Anwar Sadat to President Nixon to go whistle-stopping together, Egyptian-style, has dismayed the American security agents preparing for Mr. Nixon's visit to the Middle East next week.

The Egyptians have expressed eagerness to have Mr Nixon, who arrives here June 12 at the beginning of a five-nation tour, take the three-hour train ride from Cairo to the Mediterranean port of Alexandria.

Egyptian officials envision massive througs of Egyptian peasants lining the route to cheer the two leaders, each of whom could use the visit to bolster his domestic political standing.

But this same vison is a nightmare for the Secret Service and other security agents who are preparing the way for the first visit of an American President to the Middle East since World War II. The fate of the train ride invitation appears to hang on a survey being done today by American security men.

American officials concede that they face special problems on this trip because of the evident desire of the Nixon administration and the Arab governments that will be his hosts to generate popular enthusiasm through the visit.

This must be balanced against the obvious dangers of public appearances in a part of the world that has been openly hostile to the United States for most of the past two decades.

Three advnce parties for the Nixon trip have fanned out across the Middle East, checking on logistics and security. The largest team arrived here Tuesday and will travel on to Amman, Jordan. A second team is handling Saudi Arabia and Syria, while the third is in Israel.

Egyptian officials have been told to expect a party of at least 700 persons, including 250 newsmen. The Egyptian government has commandeered the Hilton Hotel here to put up the party, which will include Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Mr. Nixon will stay at the Kubbah guest palace, where visiting heads of state are normally housed. In Alexandria, the Egyptian government is spending $50,000 to refurbish the Ras Al Tin palace for Mr. Nixon. It once was used by King Farouk before he was deposed in 1952.